

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representatives Kennedy, DeLauro, and Blunt. **Page H2656**

Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009: The House passed H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 86. **Pages H2643–H2805**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–20 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 184, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 85, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 84. **Pages H2643–56**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 184 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 83.

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Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 184, H. Res. 158 is laid on the table.

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 189, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 182 nays with 12 voting "present", Roll No. 87.

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Committee Discharge and Re-referral: The House agreed that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 183 and that the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2806**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407: H. Res. 183, to express condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407. **Pages H2806–08**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m. **Page H2832**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2836.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H2642, H2642–43, H2643, H2645–46, H2655–56, H2656, H2804–05 and H2805–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Building a 21st Century Workforce. Testimony was heard from the following former Ambassadors: Thomas Pickering; Prudence Bushnell and Edward Perkins; and Jim Kunder, formerly with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on U.S. Transportation Command's (USTRANSCOM) airlift, sealift, and surface lift programs. Testimony was heard from GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, U.S. Transportation Command, Department of Defense.

PERSONNEL BENEFICIARY/ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on beneficiary and advocacy overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISSILE DEFENSE TESTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the future of missile defense testing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles E. McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; LTG Patrick O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and MAJ Roger Nadeau, USA, Commanding General, Test and Evaluation Command, USA; Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Philip E. Coyle III, former Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

IMPROVING SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Renewing America through National Service and Volunteerism. Testimony was heard from SGM Kenneth O. Preston, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY/STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System

Hearings continue tomorrow.

U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on From Competition to Collaboration: Strengthening the U.S.-Russia Relationship. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT OUTLOOK

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "DHS: The Path Forward." Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Concluded hearings on Committee Funding for the 111th Congress. Testimony was heard from the following Committees: Chairman Henry A. Waxman and Ranking Member Joe Barton of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; Chairman Charles B. Rangel and Ranking Member Dave Camp of the Committee on Ways and Means; and Chairwoman Louise McIntosh Slaughter and Ranking Member David Dreier of the Committee on Rules.

D.C. VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2009; COPYRIGHT LICENSING IN A DIGITAL AGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 157, District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of 2009.

The Committee also held a hearing on Copyright Licensing in a Digital Age: Competition, Compensation and the Need to Update the Cable and Satellite TV Licenses. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OFFSHORE DRILLING

Committee on Natural Resources: Concluded oversight hearings entitled "Offshore Drilling: Industrial Perspectives." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORAL REEF CONSERVATION; MARIANA ISLANDS SUBMERGED LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amend-

ments of 2009; and H.R. 934, To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa in their submerged lands. Testimony was heard from Kacky Andrews, Director, Coral Reef Conservation Program, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Nikolao Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Felix P. Camacho, Governor, Guam; Togiola T. A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and public witnesses.

HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR HOMES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1106, the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Chairman Conyers and Representatives Cummings, Miller (NC), Sestak, Titus, Neugebauer and King (IA).

U.S. EXPORT CONTROL POLICIES IMPACT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Impacts of U.S. Export Control Policies on Science and Technology and Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT PLANS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Drop in Retirement Savings: The Challenges Small

Businesses Face Funding and Maintaining Retirement Plans in a Struggling Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA GULF COAST RECOVERY; RECENT DISASTERS RESPONSE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Post-Katrina Disaster Response and Recovery: Evaluating FEMA’s Continuing Efforts in the Gulf Coast and Response to Recent Disasters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of FEMA, Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Acting Deputy Administrator; and James W. Stark, Assistant Administrator, Gulf Coast Recovery Office; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on climate change, with emphasis on Scientific Objectives for Climate Change legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on World Wide Threats. Testimony was heard from Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence.

TECHNOLOGY CAN REVOLUTIONIZE EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE SOLUTIONS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Get Smart on the Smart Grid: How Technology Can Revolutionize Efficiency and Renewable Solutions.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementa-

tion of authorized Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine integrative care, focusing on a pathway to a healthier nation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine protecting public and animal health, focusing on homeland security and the federal veterinarian workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: organizational business meeting to consider committee’s rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine caring for veterans in rural areas, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Outsourcing, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Renewable Energy: Complementary Policies for Climate Legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.